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SUBJECT: TWO-YEAR EXTENSION FOR PAUL M. FRIESCH IN  
SECONDED NATO/IS ASSIGNMENT

1. MR. FRIESCH, CIVIL ENGINEER, GS-14, SECONDED TO  
NATO/IS, WILL COMPLETE FIVE-YEAR TOUR ON 18 DEC 1978.  
THE NATO DIRECTOR OF ADMIN & PERSONNEL HAS ADDRESSED  
THE FOLLOWING LETTER TO USNATO, REQUESTING EXTENSION  
OF MR. FRIESCH'S TENURE:

"AS YOU MAY KNOW, THE PERIOD OF ASSIGNMENT OF  
MR. PAUL FRIESCH, A.4 CONSTRUCTION ENGINEER IN THE  
MISSILES SITES SECTION OF THE INFRASTRUCTURE DIRECTORATE,  
IS DUE TO EXPIRE ON 18TH DECEMBER, 1978, AFTER FIVE  
YEARS' SERVICE WITH NATO.

"I AM FULLY AWARE OF THE CURRENT DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE  
POLICY REGARDING THE NORMAL TERM OF SECONDMENT, BUT  
AT THE MOST URGENT REQUEST OF THE SERVICE DIRECTLY  
CONCERNED, I MUST NEVERTHELESS SOLICIT THE US AUTHORITIES'  
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AGREEMENT TO AN EXCEPTIONAL EXTENSION OF MR. FRIESCH'S  
APPOINTMENT, ESSENTIALLY ON THE FOLLOWING GROUNDS.  
"OVER AND ABOVE THE UNIQUE PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS AND  
PERSONAL SUITABILITY FOR THE JOB, IT MUST BE POINTED OUT  
THAT MR. FRIESCH IS ONE OF THE THREE ENGINEERS IN THE  
MISSILES SITES SECTION WHICH WILL BE LOSING TWO-THIRDS OF  
ITS STAFF IN THE COURSE OF A FEW MONTHS WITH MR. FRIESCH'S

PLANNED DEPARTURE IN DECEMBER AND WITH MR. HUBBLE'S  
COMPULSORY RETIREMENT ON REACHING THE AGE OF 65 IN APRIL  
1979. WITH THE DEMANDS PLACED UPON THE ONE EXPERIENCED  
MAN REMAINING, INCLUDING AN EXTENSIVE PERIOD OF TRAINING  
OF TWO NEWCOMERS, THE WORK OF THE SECTION WOULD SERIOUSLY  
SUFFER AT A TIME WHERE THERE IS A PARTICULARLY HEAVY  
WORKLOAD.

"FURTHERMORE, MR. FRIESCH IS WORKING IN TWO AREAS WHICH  
HAVE SACEUR'S HIGHEST PRIORITY - THE CONSTRUCTION OF  
FORWARD STORAGE SITES AND THE LONG-RANGE SECURITY PROGRAM;  
THE LATTER PROGRAM IS OF PARTICULAR CONCERN TO THE US  
AUTHORITIES.

"I MAY ADD THAT THE DIVISION CONCERNED WOULD LIKE TO  
HAVE MR. FRIESCH'S APPOINTMENT EXTENDED FOR ANOTHER TWO  
YEARS IF THE US WOULD AGREE.

"I WOULD BE GRATEFUL IF YOU WOULD USE YOUR GOOD OFFICES  
WITH YOUR AUTHORITIES WITH A VIEW TO OBTAINING THEIR  
AGREEMENT TO AN EXTENSION OF MR. FRIESCH'S SECONDMENT."

2. MR. FRIESCH INDICATES HE COULD ACCEPT THE PROPOSED  
EXTENSION.

3. FOR REASONS STATED IN ABOVE-CITED LETTER, USNATO  
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RECOMMENDS THAT A WAIVER TO DOD INSTR. 1404.8 BE GRANTED  
TO AUTHORIZE A TWO-YEAR EXTENSION OF MR. FRIESCH'S  
SECONDMENT TO NATO. IN THE EVENT THAT THE WAIVER IS  
GRANTED, MR. FRIESCH'S REEMPLOYMENT RIGHTS WITH THE  
OFFICE CHIEF OF ENGINEERS, DIRECTORATE OF CIVIL WORKS,  
WASHINGTON DC WOULD REQUIRE EXTENSION FOR TWO YEARS,  
UNTIL DECEMBER 1980. GLITMAN

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